

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The year 2006 was another growing year for the Alton Fire & Rescue Department. Our run volume increased 11% over the year 2005. The Department responded to 985 calls for service, which are broken down as follows: 262 Fire Calls, 486 EMS calls (which include 90 motor vehicle crashes) and 237 calls for service including new home inspections, oil burner, wood stove, chimney and foster care inspections. The Department is still working with local business owners of rental property to include them in our inspection and preplan program.

The members of the Department dedicated a total of 10,205.5 man-hours to the community. Those hours are broken down as follows: Training accounted for 1,614 man-hours; this is just to have the members remain current with the State required Training. The members also provided 8,591.5 man-hours responding to emergency calls within the community.

The Alton Fire & Rescue Department was again this year working with the Belknap County Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program. We had another member attend the training program to become an Intervention Councilor, and at this time we now have four councilors in the Department. The Intervention Team was engaged in a few interventions again this year.

Another program that we were able to continue again this year was Risk Watch. The Program brings home safety to the elementary school children of Alton. In 2006 members of the Department worked with the grades of K -4 at the Alton Central School, and we hope to be able to continue this program again in 2007.

The Alton Fire & Rescue Department was very busy with a few large fires this past year. We responded to a 23 acre brush fire behind the Prospect Mountain High School, a structure fire on Rt. 28 South, the Pavilion fire, and a tire fire. All of the fires taxed the limits of the Department and required assistance from our Mutual Aid System. I would like to thank the members of the Department for all of their help and time spent providing Emergency Services to the Town of Alton. Also a thank you to the Alton Police Department and the Alton Highway Department for all of their help in the 2006 year.

Respectfully Submitted,
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